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#### Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

## Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a National Application. No fee or certification is required.

### **Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached International Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No. 5,331,588 and 5,408,148 correspond to documents EP 0424962 and EP 0526427, respectively, cited in the International Search Report.

The Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report from the corresponding PCT application No. PCT/FR01/01608.

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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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### OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	*	International Search Report from patent application no. PCT/FR01/01608 filed May 23, 2001	
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<sup>\*</sup>a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. 10/296,421, filed November 22, 2002, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).